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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

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1. PLEASED TO REPORT THAT MR. LOUIS LEONARD, SENIOR OFFICIAL OF MINISTRY OF EQUIPMENT, HAS RESPONDED WITH SUCH KEEN INTEREST IN THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL AS TO AGREE TO ASSEMBLE THE AVAILABLE DOCUMENTATION (SECTION III) AND HANDCARRY TWO COPIES TO NEW YORK. HE IS ARRIVING SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 11 JANUARY, AND HAS RESERVATIONS AT LEXINGTON HOTEL.

2. PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP IS TO ATTEND UN COMMITTEE ON HOUSING. IN ADDITION TO HOTEL, HE CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH FRENCH MISSION (MME. DEREY) AT 245 EAST 47 ST., TEL. 753-9200, EXTENSIONS 40 OR 41.

3. LEONARD IS PERHAPS FRANCE'S OUTSTANDING EXPERT ON CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND THE PROBLEMS OF ITS MECHANIZATION AND INDUSTRIALIZATION. HE WILL BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE PERSONAL BRIEFING TO INTERESTED US OFFICIALS ABOUT FRENCH EXPERIENCE.

4. ALTHOUGH HE WOULD PREFER BRIEFING TAKE PLACE IN N.Y., WE FEEL THAT HE CAN BE PERSUADED TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON. ONLY PROBLEM HIS ENGLISH IS QUITE LIMITED.RUSH

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